



society of graduate & professional students  
CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS LOCAL 27

## AGENDA

Society of Graduate and Professional Students' Council  
*Local 27 of the Canadian Federation of Students*

Tuesday January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 6:00pm

**McLaughlin Room, JDUC**

### 1. Presentations

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E-Thesis and Intellectual Property Discussion – Matthew Scribner

### 2. Adoption of the Agenda & Minutes

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#### MOTION

01/08/13:1

Moved: Matthew Scribner ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Matthew Shultz ([vpcca@sgps.ca](mailto:vpcca@sgps.ca))

BIRT the agenda for January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Council meeting be adopted.

#### MOTION

01/08/13:2

Moved: Jillian Burford-Grinnell ([vpfs@sgps.ca](mailto:vpfs@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Becky Pero ([vpg@sgps.ca](mailto:vpg@sgps.ca))

BIRT the minutes for December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Council meeting be accepted.

### 3. Executive and Speaker Reports

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- a. President – Matthew Scribner (report attached)
- b. VP Graduate – Becky Pero (report attached)
- c. VP Professional – Vacant (Final Report Attached: Annie Clifford)
- d. VP Campaigns & Community Affairs – Matthew Shultz (report attached)
- e. VP Finance & Services – Jillian Burford-Grinnell (no report)
- f. Executive Assistant – Anne-Marie Grondin (no report)
- g. Speaker – James MacLeod (report attached)

**MOTION**

01/08/13:3

Moved: Annie Clifford ([vpp@sgps.ca](mailto:vpp@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Matthew Scribner ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

BIRT the Executive and Speaker Reports be accepted.

**4. Senator, Board of Trustees, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports**

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- a. Graduate Student Senator – Terry Bridges (no report)
- b. Graduate Student Trustee – Tony Gkotsis (no report)
- c. Committee Reports
- d. Commissioner Reports
  - i. Social Commissioner – Cassandra Kuyvenhoven (report attached)
  - ii. Communications Commissioner – Sean Richards (report attached)
  - iii. Equity Commissioner: Robin Westland (no report)
  - iv. International Students’ Affairs Commissioner: Holly McIndoe (no report)
- e. Other Reports
  - i. Equity Coordinator – Ian Fanning (no report)
  - ii. International Students’ Affairs Coordinator: Kris Singh (no report)
  - iii. Sustainability Coordinator – Jack Wallace (no report)
  - iv. Athletics Coordinator – Chris Harris (no report)
  - v. Logistics Coordinator – Ciara Bracken-Roche (no report)
  - vi. Planning Coordinator – Margaux MacDonald (no report)
  - vii. Rector – Nick Francis (no report)
  - viii. Chief Returning Officer – Eric Rapos (report attached)
  - ix. Departmental Reports

**MOTION**

01/08/13:4

Moved: Matthew Shultz ([vpcca@sgps.ca](mailto:vpcca@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Jillian Burford-Grinnell ([vpfs@sgps.ca](mailto:vpfs@sgps.ca))

BIRT the Senator, Board of Trustees, Commissioner, Committee and Other Reports be accepted.

**5. Question Period/Departmental Issues**

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## 6. Business Arising From the Minutes

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## 7. Main Motions

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### MOTION

01/08/13:5

Moved: Matthew Scribner ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Becky Pero ([vpg@sgps.ca](mailto:vpg@sgps.ca))

Whereas the SGPS assesses an optional student activity fee entitled "Aboriginal Student Centre" for the Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre,

Whereas most student activity fees charged to SGPS members share a title with the recipient,

BIRT that the name of the "Aboriginal Student Centre" fee be changed to "Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre."

### MOTION

01/08/13:6

Moved: Matthew Schultz ([vpcca@sgps.ca](mailto:vpcca@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Matthew Scribner ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

Whereas the increase in the Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) budget is insufficient to account for the projected increase in graduate student enrolment, thus worsening the chances of graduate students being awarded an OGS; and,

Whereas Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) and Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) funding priorities have been shifted to industry-related research, thus making Tri-Council support substantially more difficult to obtain for students engaged in pure or fundamental research; and,

Whereas mandatory applications for NSERC, SSHRC, and OGS grants represent a substantial investment of time and effort on behalf of both the university and individual students; and,

Whereas many graduate schools have highlighted "time to completion" as a core concern; and,

Whereas mandatory scholarship applications take time away from coursework and research, making grants more difficult to achieve, while also making students less likely to apply for grants from other institutions; and,

Whereas mandatory scholarship applications are a significant source of unnecessary stress for graduate students; and,

Whereas the transcript fees associated with scholarship applications represent an unfair annual expense for graduate students;

BIRT the SGPS opposes any departmental or institutional policy mandating grant or scholarship applications, including punitive measures taken against students who do not submit grant or scholarship applications;

BIFRT that the SGPS apply pressure for reimbursement of the transcript fees incurred with mandatory grant or scholarship applications.

## **8. Other Business**

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## **9. Notice of Motions & Announcements**

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- a. Reports and Motions for the next SGPS Council Meeting are due on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- b. The next SGPS Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

## **10. Adjournment**

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### **MOTION**

**01/08/13:7**

Moved: Jillian Burford-Grinnell ([vpfs@sgps.ca](mailto:vpfs@sgps.ca))

Seconded: Matthew Scribner ([president@sgps.ca](mailto:president@sgps.ca))

BIRT the SGPS Council Meeting be adjourned.

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Attached:

December Minutes

December Attendance

January Reports